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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: SPEECH SYNTHESIS DEVICE, SPEECH SYNTHESIS METHOD, AND PROGRAM

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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| Japan   | Patent Appln. No. 2003-160657 | 05,06,2003                           | [x]YES []NO                          |
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